

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey: PG#71A-35 Building Date: Circa 1914

Building Name: Nalley Farmstead

Location: 13509 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description:

The Nalley Farmstead consists of an early twentieth-century dwelling of the I-House form, and a small domestic outbuilding and four agricultural outbuildings of the same period. The house is 2 1/2 stories high and side-gabled, of I-House form. The main block is three bays by one, and has a rear kitchen wing which forms a T. Entrance to the main block is in the central bay of the three-bay principal north facade. This facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch which is screen enclosed. Above the central entrance is a flush central cross gable enclosing a four-pane diamond-shape window at loft level. The original wood siding is now covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows are generally 1/1 with plain board surrounds painted black. Windows on the main north facade have black louvered shutters. South of the house is a small gable-roof domestic outbuilding, and farther south a group of farm outbuildings: a shed-roof corn crib, a gable-roof tobacco barn with one louvered pyramidal-roof cupola at the ridge, and an attached stripping shed. Further south is a large storage shed, and finally another gable-roof tobacco barn.

Significance:

The Nalley Farmstead is representative of the small farms of early twentieth-century Prince George's County. The house follows the traditional I-House form, and the farm buildings are typical of small tobacco and stock farms of the period. The land on which this farm stands is part of the large tract, Darnall's Grove, the plantation home of the Bowie family during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Sixty-eight acres of this land were sold in 1911 to Phillip Nalley, and the Nalley farmhouse was completed by 1914, and most of the farm buildings by 1915. The Nalley Farmstead was purchased in 1989 by a development company, and the property, together with surrounding farmland, has been platted for residential subdivision. Work has just begun (late 1992) on construction of houses, and the Nalley farmhouse and outbuildings are scheduled for demolition. They are recorded herein as a representative and typical small farm complex of early twentieth-century Prince George's County.

Acreage: 6.274 acres

Nalley Farmstead

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Periods:

Industrial/Urban Dominance - AD 1870-1930

Modern Period - 1930 to present

Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning

Agriculture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Functions and Uses: Domestic/Single Dwelling
Agriculture/Outbuildings

Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Nalley Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13509 Annapolis Road (Maryland Route 450) ___ not for publication

city, town Bowie ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's County

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture ___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	___ commercial ___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational ___ private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government ___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial ___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	___ military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Stanley Halle Communities, Inc.

street & number 9500 Annapolis Road telephone no.:

city, town Lanham state and zip code MD 20706

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County liber 7294

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 116

city, town Upper Marlboro state MD 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☒ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Nalley Farmstead is located on a parcel of farmland in the Collington area. It consists of an early twentieth-century dwelling of the I-House form, and a small domestic outbuilding and four agricultural outbuildings of the same period.

The house is 2 1/2 stories high and side-gabled, of I-House form. The main block is three bays by one, and has a rear kitchen wing which forms a T. Entrance to the main block is in the central bay of the three-bay principal north facade. This facade is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch which is screen enclosed. Above the central entrance is a flush central cross gable enclosing a four-pane diamond-shape window at loft level.

The original wood siding is now covered with white asbestos shingle. Windows are generally 1/1 with plain board surrounds painted black. windows on the main north facade have black louvered shutters.

The rear kitchen wing forms a T with the main block. It is two bays by one, and two stories high. At its rear, a one-story shed-roof addition has been constructed to the east, and it is through this shed addition that one enters the wing.

The cross-gable roof of the house is covered with both asphalt shingle and patterned metal. There is one corbelled brick chimney at the ridge of the wing near where it joins the main block. The house rests on a poured concrete foundation.

The farmhouse is approached by a paved drive which leads south from Annapolis Road (MD 450). The drive continues on the west side of the house past a small gable-roof domestic outbuilding, southward toward a group of farm outbuildings. The first is a shed-roof corn crib. Next is a gable-roof tobacco barn with one louvered pyramidal-roof cupola at the ridge, and an attached stripping shed. Further south is a large storage shed, and finally another gable-roof tobacco barn.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca 1914

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Nalley Farmstead is representative of the small farms of early twentieth-century Prince George's County. The house follows the traditional I-House form, and the farm buildings are typical of small tobacco and stock farms of the period.

The land on which this farm stands is part of the large (3800-acre) tract, Darnall's Grove, which was patented to Colonel Henry Darnall in the seventeenth century, and the plantation home of the Bowie family during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.¹

After the Civil War, parts of the Bowie plantation were sold off for small farms, and this northeasterly section of Darnall's Grove came to include the establishments of several members of the Joshua T. Clarke family. In 1889, Joshua T. Clarke, Jr., sold 190 acres, including his country store and the farmhouse of his brother, Dr. Charles Clarke, to Samuel McCann, who farmed the land for another generation. In 1905, McCann sold his farm to Robert Carrick, and in 1911 Carrick sold 68 acres of the property (including the subject farmland) to Phillip Nalley. It is not certain whether the Clarke-McCann farmhouse was still standing when Nalley purchased the farm; in any case, the Nalley family built the subject farmhouse slightly to the northwest of the older house site. The Nalley house was finished by 1914, and most of the farm buildings by 1915.²

¹ Prince George's County Patent #21:398; see also MHT Inventory forms for Fairview (PG#71A-13) and Willow Grove (PG#71A-11).

² Prince George's County Deeds JWB#12:343, #31:237, #72:269; Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1900-1915.

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See Notes, Item 8

Acreage of nominated property 6.274 acrea
Quadrangle name Lanham

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone Easting Northing

B

Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E 

F 

G

H | | | | | | | | | |

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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Prince George's County

organization Historic Preservation Commission **date** March 1993

date March 1993

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive **telephone** 302-952-3521

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city or town	Upper Marlboro	state	MD	20772
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state	MD	20772
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Description (continued) .

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The Nalley farm complex stands on the south side of MD 450 on farmland which is currently being developed as a residential subdivision. The house and farm buildings are in deteriorating condition, and are not in use.

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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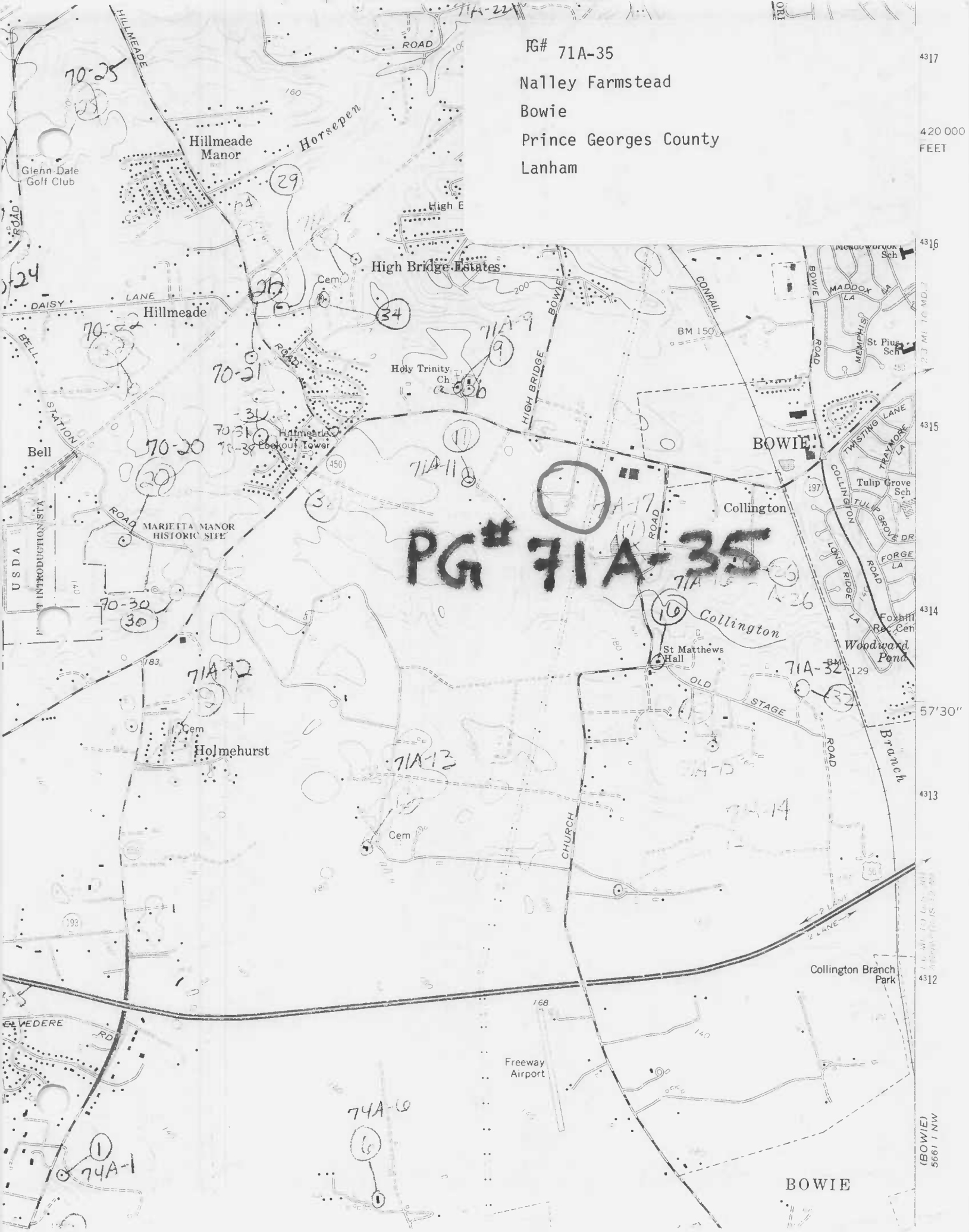
Bowie

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Valley Farmstead
Prince George's Co, MD
near St. Paul.

December 1992

MD SHPO

Inventory: N11K grade

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Valley Turnstone
Prince George's Co, MD

Susan G. Pearl

December 1992

MD SHPO

Turnstones: west side
elevation

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Valley Farmstead
Pence Corp's Co 110
Susan L. Pence

December 1992

MD SHPO

Lanham: South near

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Valley Farmstead
Prince George's Co. MD
Susan & Pearl

December 1972

MD SHPO

Tobacco Barn, from NW

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